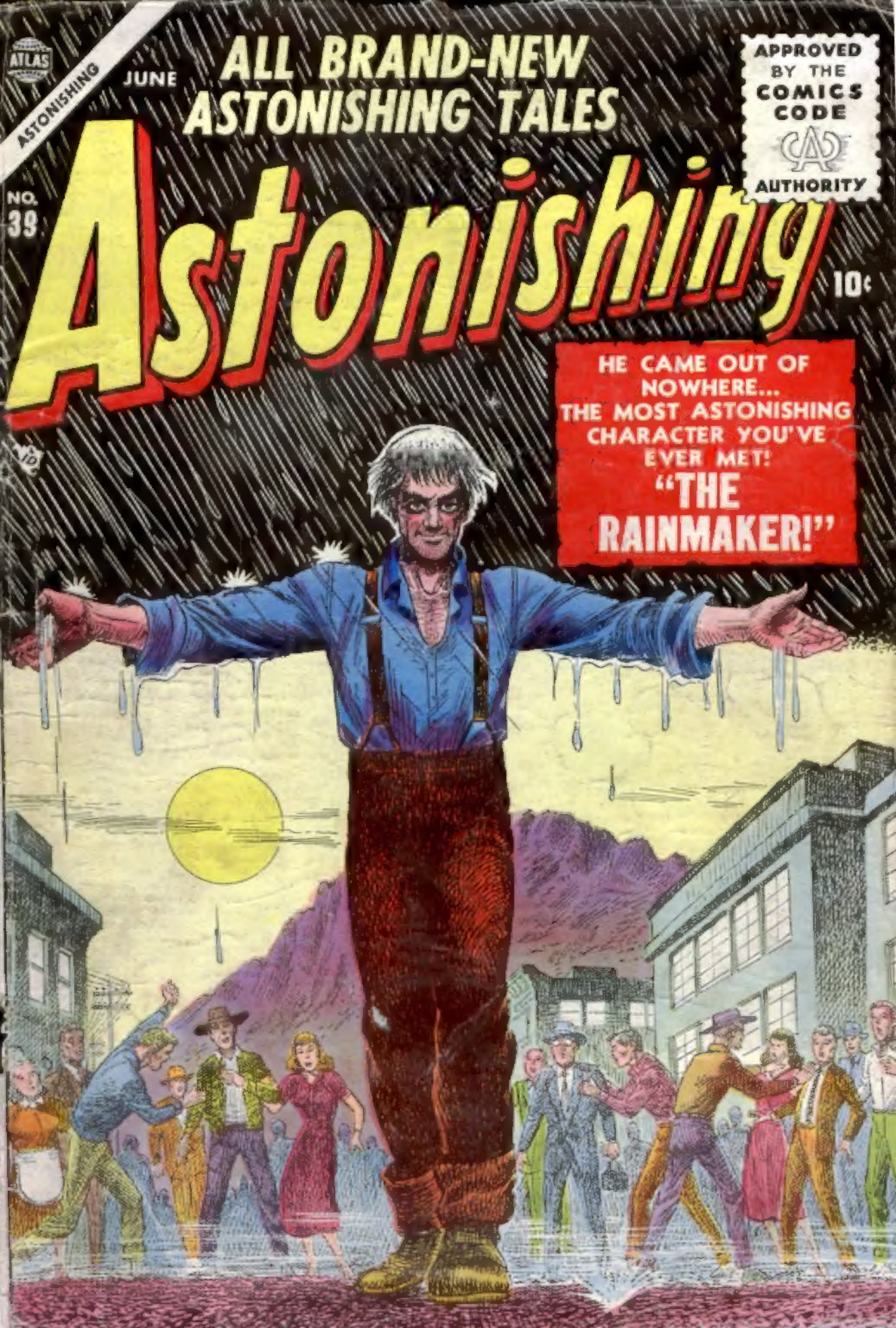
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THE STRANGE COURAGE!

LENNIE SAT IN THE DARKENED OFFICE ALL ALONE! EVERONE ELSE WAS GONE! ONLY LENNIE WAS LEFT... WITH HIS COWARDICE! HE WAS THINKING, "IF I COULD ONLY BUY COURAGE! I'D PAY ANY PRICE..." IF HE'D ONLY KNOWN THAT IT COULD BE BOUGHT IN A LITTLE BOTTLE...
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FAIN
PICTURES FORMED IN LENNIE'S MIND! PICTURES OF THE HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY...
I GUESS YOU'LL BE THE NEW EDITOR SOON, DON!
PICTURES OF A GIRL, THE GIRL HE LOVED, AND DON AGAIN...

AND VOICES TOO! VOICES OF HIS FELLOW WORKERS...
DON WILL GET PROMOTED TO EDITOR, ALTHOUGH LENNIE SHOULD GET THE JOB... HE'S THE BEST MAN!
DON WILL GET BETTY TOO! HE'S ALWAYS BEATEN LENNIE OUT!
LENNIE'S BRILLIANT AND A SWELL GUY! DON'S JUST A LOUDMOUTH!
LENNIE'S TOO SHY! HE DOESN'T ASSERT HIMSELF! I GUESS HE JUST DOESN'T HAVE ANY COURAGE!
HE REMEMBERED IT ALL, SITTING IN THE DARK OFFICE...
WHY HAVEN'T I THE COURAGE TO TELL BETTY I LOVE HER...TO TELL THE BOSS I'M THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB?
I SHOULD BE THE NEW EDITOR! I KNOW THE BUSINESS...I CAN WRITE! DON GETS BY ON BRASS ALONE! TALKS A LOT AND PRETENDS TO KNOW EVERYTHING!
THAT'S HOW HE'S GETTING BETTY, TOO! I FEEL THE GUY'S NO GOOD...HE'LL GIVE THAT LOVELY GIRL AN UNHAPPY LIFE! BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
HE WALKED THROUGH THE DARK STREETS! HE HAD REACHED A POINT OF NEAR DESPERATION!
IF I COULD ONLY BUY COURAGE IN A BOTTLE! WHAT A HEADACHE I'VE GOT! ANYWAY I CAN BUY ASPIRIN, IF NOT COURAGE!
DRUGS
CANDY
HE WALKED INTO THE DRUGSTORE! THE LIGHTS WERE DIMMED AS THOUGH IT WERE CLOSING TIME! NO ONE SEEMED TO BE IN THE PLACE!
HELLO! ANY BODY HERE?
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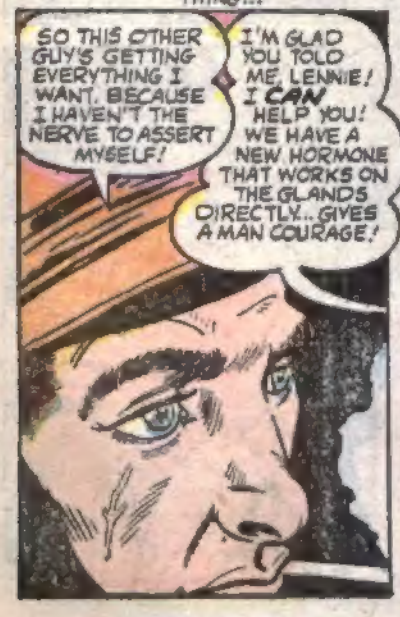
WHERE IN THE WORLD DID YOU DROP FROM? LAST TIME I SAW YOU WAS IN KOREA!
YES! AND I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! BRAVEST THING I EVER HEARD OF, RUNNING THROUGH THOSE SHELLS TO CARRY ME IN! HARD TO REPAY A THING LIKE THAT!

LENNIE TOLD HIS FRIEND EVERYTHING...


SO THIS OTHER GUY'S GETTING EVERYTHING I WANT, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T THE NERVE TO ASSERT MYSELF!
I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME, LENNIE! I CAN HELP YOU! WE HAVE A NEW HORMONE THAT WORKS ON THE GLANDS DIRECTLY... GIVES A MAN COURAGE!

MIX THIS WITH WATER WHEN YOU GET TO THE OFFICE TOMORROW, AND DRINK IT! YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT IT WILL DO FOR YOU!
FUNNY THING, I WAS THINKING, "IF COURAGE COULD ONLY BE BOUGHT IN A BOTTLE..." AND HERE IT IS! ERNIE, IF THIS WORKS...

HE WALKED ALONG THE DARKENED STREETS AGAIN, CLUTCHING THE BOTTLE! SUDDENLY, A THOUGHT STRUCK HIM AND HE STOPPED AND TURNED...

I JUST REMEMBERED... ERNIE HAYWOOD, WHOM I SAVED THAT DAY IN KOREA, WAS LATER REPORTED TO HAVE DIED OF HIS WOUNDS! MUST'VE BEEN A FALSE REPORT! I'LL ASK HIM ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME!

MODERN MODES

SALE

THE NEXT MORNING, AT THE OFFICE, HE MIXED THE CONTENTS OF THE BOTTLE WITH AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF WATER... AND DRANK IT!

HE FELT SUDDENLY STRANGE, AND DIZZY! HE FELT THINGS STIRRING INSIDE OF HIM...

LENNIE, WHAT'S WRONG? DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT?

THEN THE FEELING WAS GONE AND A NEW SENSATION TOOK ITS PLACE... A FEELING OF RECKLESSNESS, OF DARING... A FEELING HE HADN'T KNOWN FOR YEARS.

I SHOULD GET THE EDITOR'S JOB! DON KNOWS NOTHING BUT LOUD TALK! IF I DON'T GET THE JOB, I'M QUITTING! THERE ARE OTHER PUBLISHERS WHO WILL VALUE MY TALENT!

NOW, LENNIE, TAKE IT EASY! CAN'T SAY I BLAME YOU, BUT YOU'VE BEEN SO RETIRING LATELY, I THOUGHT...

YOU'VE GOT THE JOB, LENNIE! YOU'LL GO FAR HERE, I PROMISE YOU THAT!

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WHY, LENNIE... I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LIKE THIS! YOU WERE WONDERFUL!

SO ARE *YOU!* AND YOU'LL SEE ME LIKE THIS FROM NOW ON!

I LOVE YOU, BETTY! I'M GOING TO THE TOP, AND I WANT YOU THERE WITH ME!
LENNIE, I'VE ALWAYS HOPED YOU'D TELL ME...
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
KEEP AWAY FROM BETTY, AND KEEP OUT OF MY HAIR FROM NOW ON! YOU HEAR ME?
ER...YEAH, LENNIE! I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE WITH YOU!
HE TOOK BETTY HOME THAT EVENING! THEY WERE MAKING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE...WONDERFUL PLANS! LATER, LENNIE HURRIED TO THE DRUGSTORE AND HIS FRIEND FROM KOREA!
WHERE'S ERNIE?
WHO?
ERNIE HAYWOOD! HE WAS WORKING HERE LAST NIGHT!
YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN! I'VE NEVER EMPLOYED A MAN BY THAT NAME...NEVER HEARD OF HIM! BESIDES, THE STORE WAS CLOSED LAST NIGHT!
BUT I'M POSITIVE THIS IS THE RIGHT DRUGSTORE! LOOK, HE SOLD ME A BOTTLE OF... THAT'S FUNNY, THE BOTTLE'S GONE!
LISTEN, DO YOU HAVE ANY-MORE OF THOSE HORMONES THAT WORK ON THE GLANDS AND GIVE A MAN COURAGE? ERNIE SOLD ME SOME!
I TOLD YOU WE NEVER EMPLOYED A A MAN BY THAT NAME! AS TO THESE HORMONES YOU SPEAK OF...
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THERE IS NO SUCH THING! SOMEONE'S BEEN KIDDING YOU, MISTER!
KIDDING? OR MAYBE SOMEONE FROM FAR AWAY, PAYING A DEBT!
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ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN UNUSUAL STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

THE STRANGER

THEY say there are stranger things happening on this old earth of ours than one is aware of, and I suppose that is true. I have never been able to provide a logical explanation for the strange experience which took place on my last trip to Europe. I'll tell you exactly how it happened, and if *you* can provide a sensible explanation for all this, you are a better man than I am!

If you have ever been to Paris, you will understand my joy at walking through the streets of the city for the first time, the day after my arrival. Paris is 2000 years old, and every building, every church, every boulevard, even every ancient tree, seem to bear mute witness to the events of history which took place in this city.

A week after my arrival, I had walked miles through the various quarters of the city, and at last I was ready to search for an original painting I had my heart set on buying. Not far from the Pont Neuf is a street where one may find art shops one after the other, and one afternoon I decided to spend a few hours searching through these shops for my original painting. The first two shops I entered had nothing particularly appealing, and I was beginning to wonder if my search would be in vain. Perhaps the kind of painting I had in mind didn't even exist.

But in the third shop I entered, I found what I was looking for! It was a portrait of Napoleon's officers riding through Paris in victory, having just returned from a successful campaign in Austria. Napoleon himself rode at the head of his men, as the crowds lined the streets and waved banners to welcome home these gallant men of the French army. The artist had used a wide variety of colors, and I was delighted with the painting. I purchased it, without bothering to bargain with the shopkeeper about the price.

I took the painting at once to my hotel room and propped it up near the window, where I could examine it at my leisure. I was gazing at the various characters in the picture, trying to get the full effect of the facial expressions, when my attention was suddenly focused on one person who stood a bit aside from the crowd, waving a banner and obviously shouting his praise of Napoleon. I cannot say why my attention was taken up with this happy Frenchman any more so than with the others in the painting, but perhaps it was because the face seemed to be that of a man who was living in my own time, rather than early in the nineteenth century. Yes, it seemed to be the face of a man one might expect to pass in the streets of Paris today. This was just a fleeting thought that first day I owned the painting, but now I realize the significance of this strange impression. For it was that individual in the painting who brought about the strange circumstances of which I am now writing.

Because, the very next day, having had my breakfast, I turned to take another admiring look at the painting which was still propped up near the light of the window, and I could hardly believe my eyes. The man with the banner who had been shouting and cheering Napoleon as the emperor passed him on his horse, was *no longer standing in the same spot,* in the painting, as he was the day before! He was now in a position further to the left, as if the painting were a moving scene, and Napoleon had already *passed* the spot in the painting where the man stood the day before! The only answer I could give myself at that time, was the fact that perhaps I had been mistaken the previous day, when I first examined the painting. Perhaps I had misjudged the perspective and the relative positions of the various characters in the painting.

If only that *were* the answer! For the very next day, the scene had again changed! Now, the stranger in the painting was much further in the background, as though the parade was passing him by! And then, on the fourth day after I purchased the painting, the figure had disappeared completely from the canvas! It would be enough of a mystery, if my story could end here. But

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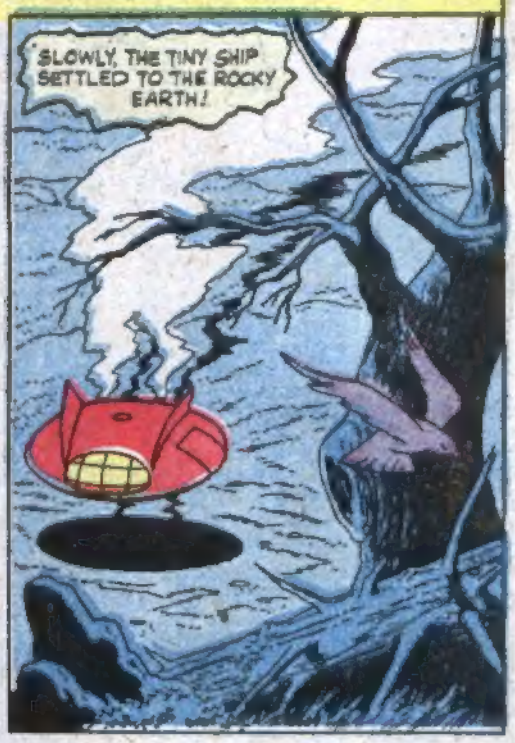
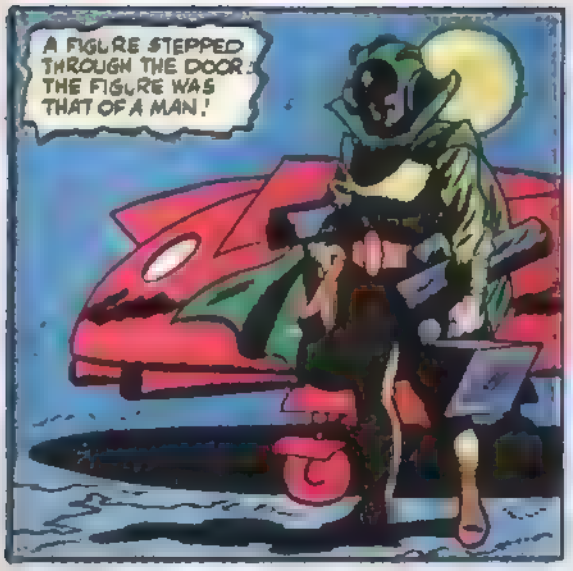
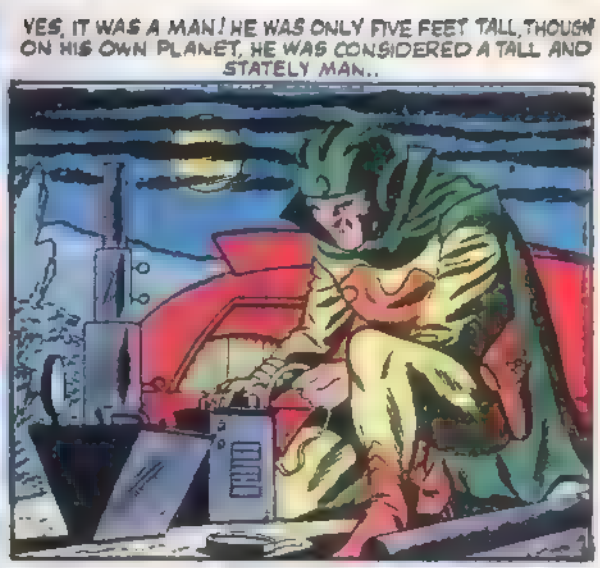
WHEN LANDS THE SAUCER

THE SPACE SHIP CAME DOWN IN THE ARKANSAS HILLS! IT CAME TO EARTH IN DARKNESS, UNSEEN! WHY WAS IT HERE? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NIGHT VISITOR FROM THE COLD REACHES OF OUTER SPACE?



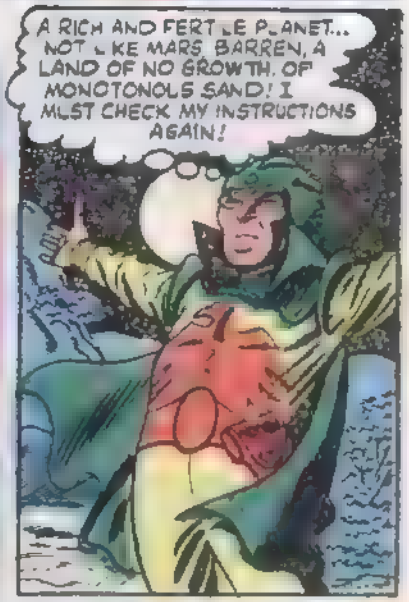
A DOOR IN THE SIDE OF THE SPACE CRAFT OPENED! THE MOON LOOKED DOWN, THE ONLY WITNESS, AS IT WATCHED AND WAITED FOR THE APPEARANCE OF WHAT?

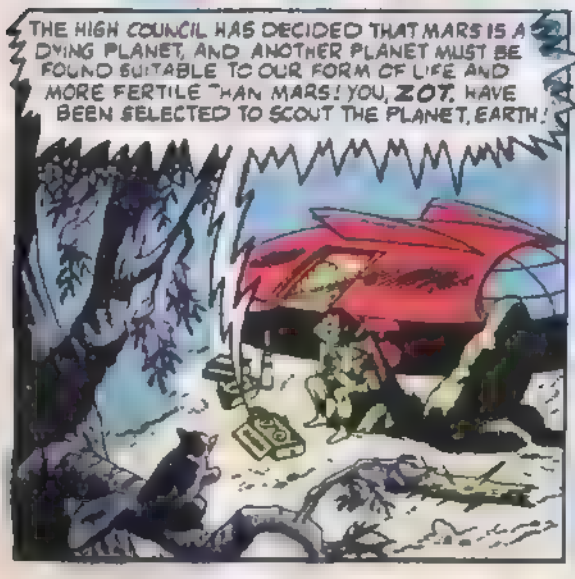

A FIGURE STEPPED THROUGH THE DOOR! THE FIGURE WAS THAT OF A MAN!

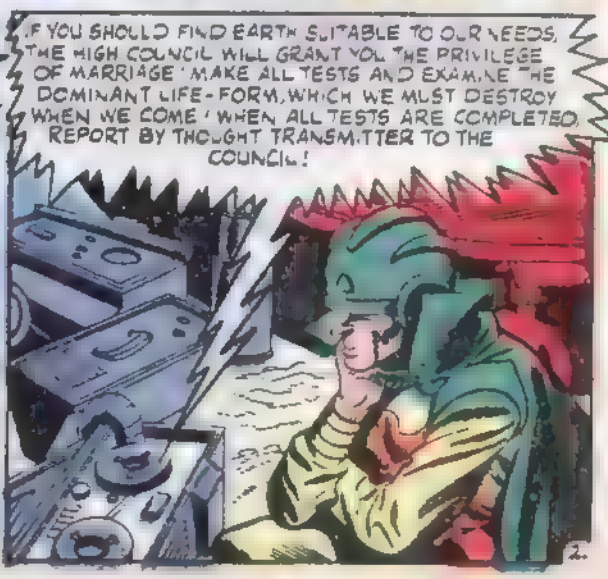

YES, IT WAS A MAN! HE WAS ONLY FIVE FEET TALL, THOUGH ON HIS OWN PLANET, HE WAS CONSIDERED A TALL AND STATELY MAN..

AND THOUGH ON HIS OWN PLANET HE WAS CONSIDERED THE HANDSOMEST OF MEN, IT MUST BE CONFESSED THAT BY EARTH STANDARDS, HE WAS A VERY HOMELY FELLOW...
ATMOSPHERE EXCELLENT! BETTER THAN MARS... FAR BETTER!

HE TESTED THE SOIL HE HAD LANDED ON...
RICH, FERTILE SOIL LIKE THE OLD BOOKS SAY ONCE EXISTED ON MARS, EONS AGO!


A RICH AND FERTILE PLANET... NOT LIKE MARS BARREN, A LAND OF NO GROWTH, OF MONOTONOUS SAND! I MUST CHECK MY INSTRUCTIONS AGAIN!


THE HIGH COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT MARS IS A DYING PLANET, AND ANOTHER PLANET MUST BE FOUND SUITABLE TO OUR FORM OF LIFE AND MORE FERTILE THAN MARS! YOU, ZOT, HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO SCOUT THE PLANET, EARTH!


IF YOU SHOULD FIND EARTH SUITABLE TO OUR NEEDS, THE HIGH COUNCIL WILL GRANT YOU THE PRIVILEGE OF MARRIAGE! MAKE ALL TESTS AND EXAMINE THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORM, WHICH WE MUST DESTROY WHEN WE COME! WHEN ALL TESTS ARE COMPLETED, REPORT BY THOUGHT TRANSMITTER TO THE COUNCIL!

THE VOICE SHUT OFF! ZOT, THE MARTIAN CLOSED THE DOOR OF THE SHIP...
I MUST FIND THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORM, BEFORE I COMPLETE MY SURVEY, AND REPORT!
CLICK
HE MOVED TOWARD LOWER LAND, PLEASED AT THE SMELL OF DAMP EARTH AND GROWING THINGS, BUT HIS THOUGHTS WERE OF A MORE PERSONAL NATURE...
I WILL BE ALLOWED TO MARRY, THE FIRST IN TEN YEARS TO BE GIVEN THAT HONOR! MARS IS SO BARREN, THE POPULATION MUST BE KEPT DOWN!
A FARM WITH GROWING FOODSTUFFS! AND THERE IS A DWELLING... BUILT OF WOOD, NOT SOLID METAL TO COMBAT SANDSTORMS SUCH AS ON MARS!
WATER... COMING FROM THE VERY EARTH ITSELF! WHAT MARVELS THERE ARE ON THIS PLANET EARTH! NOW I MUST SEE WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE LIVES HERE, BEFORE I SEND MY MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL!
AS THE NIGHT VISITOR APPROACHED THE HUMAN DWELLING, THERE WAS ACTIVITY IN THE HOUSE...
HER NAME WAS MAMIE! SHE WAS AN ILLITERATE MOUNTAIN GIRL, LEFT BY THE DEATH OF HER PARENTS TO TEND HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS...
NOW GIT TO BED YOU-ALL! I GOTTA CLEAN THE DISHES AN' WE GOTTA GRUB IN THE GARDEN AGAIN, COME MO'NIN'!
MEN, IT HAS BEEN SAID, CAN BE OUTWITTED BY BEAUTY ALONE! BUT THIS IS NOT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN! MAMIE IS A PLAIN GIRL! BUT EVEN PLAIN GIRLS HAVE THEIR DREAMS...
EFFEN I COULD ONLY FIND A MAN TO HELP ME WITH THE FARMIN'! BUT WHAT MAN'D LOOK AT A PLAIN GAL LIKE ME... OR WANT TO LIVE ON A RUN-DOWN FARM LIKE THIS?
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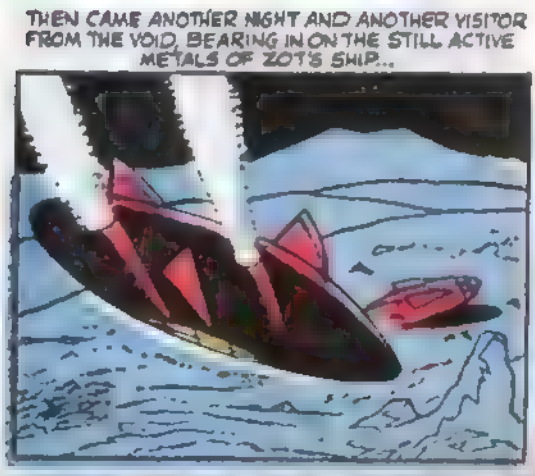
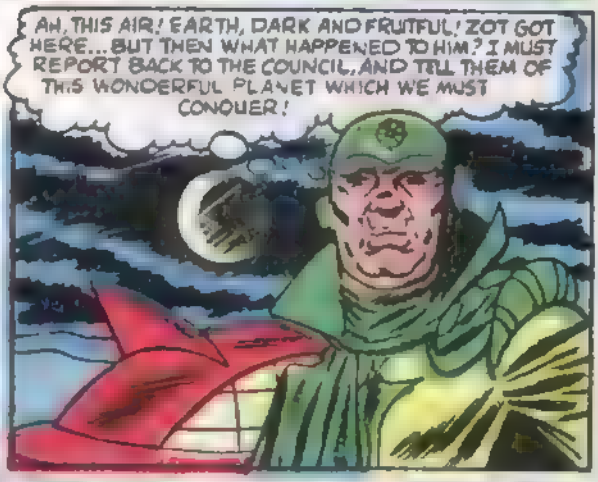
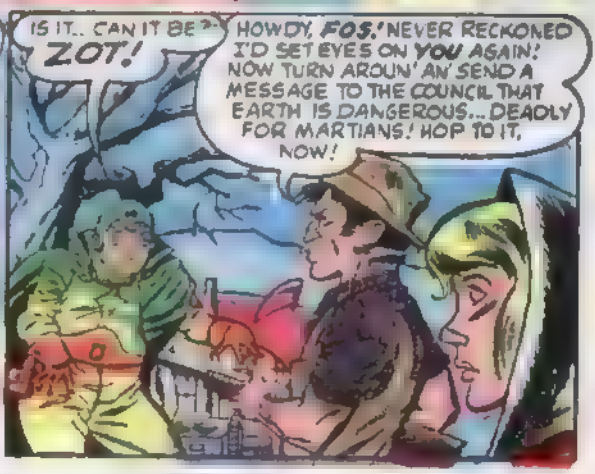
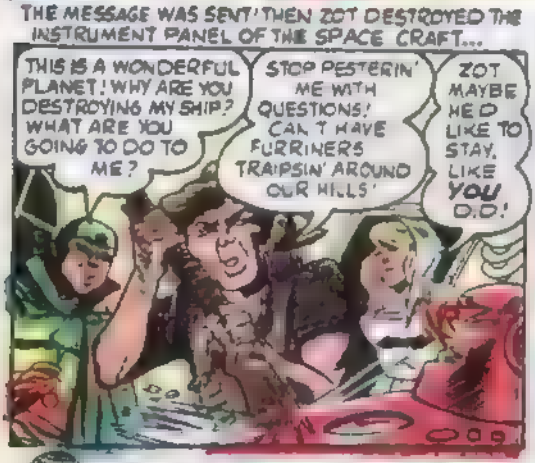
IT IS A HUMANOID FEMALE!
SHE IS TALL AND STRONG, LIKE A GODDESS! WHAT BEAUTY, EVEN FOR THIS LAND OF ABUNDANCE!
YES, TO ZOT THE MOUNTAIN GIRL WAS A BEAUTY! HE JUDGED HER BY HIS OWN STANDARDS, NOT OURS ON MARS. ZOT WAS THE HANDSOMEST CREMEN AND MARTIAN WOMAN WERE EVEN SMALLER THAN MAMIE...
NEVER HAVE I BEEN SMITTEN SO! I MUST SPEAK TO HER! I MUST REVEAL THESE FEELINGS THAT CHURN IN MY HEART, AS IS MARTIAN CUSTOM!
FAIREST FEMALE, WERE WE ON MY HOME PLANET, I WOULD BESEECH THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS TO GRANT US A MARRIAGE!
WELL, YUH SURE STARTLED ME, STRANGER! WHAT YUH DOIN PUSSYFOOTIN' 'ROUND THESE HERE PARTS?
I AM CALLED ZOT! AND WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS FAIR FLOWER OF EARTH?
I'M MAMIE AN I OWN THIS FARM! AN THERE AIN'T NO COUNCIL HAS TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR MARRIAGE! YOU JUST ASK A GIRL AN' EFFEN SHE SAYS "YES", THEN YUH GO TO THE PREACHER AN' GITS HITCHED!
HIS CLOTHES LOOKED STRANGE, HIS SPEECH WAS THAT OF AN EDUCATED MAN. HE WAS SHORT AND PLAIN-LOOKING, BUT TO MAMIE HE SEEMED TO BE THE ANSWER TO A DREAM...
AH, WHAT A WONDERFUL PLANET! AND THIS FARM, THIS RICH AND FERTILE EARTH, IT BECOMES PART OF THE MARRIAGE BARGAIN?
SURE... BUT IT AIN'T NO BARGAIN, TO BE TRUTHFUL!
MAMIE, GODDESS OF EARTH, WHERE CAN ONE FIND THIS PREACHER YOU SPOKE OF?

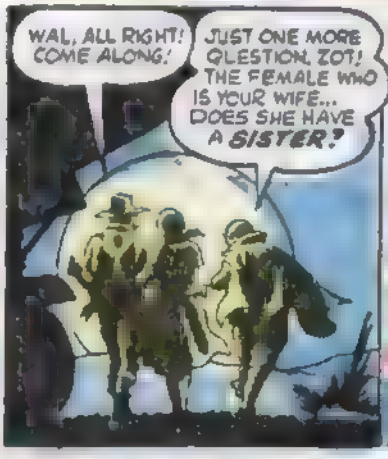
YEARS PASSED. THE SEASONS CAME AND WENT MANY TIMES, AND IN THE BRUSH BEYOND THE LITTLE FARM, THE SCOUT SHIP FROM MARS RUSTED AND DECAYED!

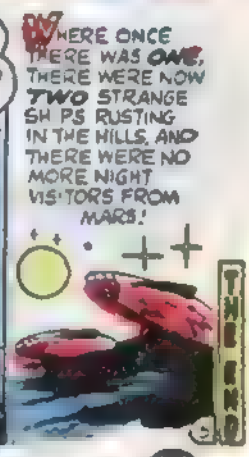



AH, THIS AIR! EARTH, DARK AND FRUITFUL! ZOT GOT HERE... BUT THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? I MUST REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL, AND TELL THEM OF THIS WONDERFUL PLANET WHICH WE MUST CONQUER!


IS IT... CAN IT BE? ZOT!
HOWDY, FOS! NEVER RECKONED I'D SET EYES ON YOU AGAIN! NOW TURN AROUN' AN' SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL THAT EARTH IS DANGEROUS... DEADLY FOR MARTIANS! HOP TO IT, NOW!


THE MESSAGE WAS SENT! THEN ZOT DESTROYED THE INSTRUMENT PANEL OF THE SPACE CRAFT...
THIS IS A WONDERFUL PLANET! WHY ARE YOU DESTROYING MY SHIP? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?
STOP PESTERIN' ME WITH QUESTIONS! CAN'T HAVE FURRINERS TRAIPSIN' AROUND OUR HILLS!
ZOT MAYBE HE'D LIKE TO STAY, LIKE YOU D.D!




WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONE, THERE WERE NOW TWO STRANGE SHIPS RUSTING IN THE HILLS, AND THERE WERE NO MORE NIGHT VISITORS FROM MARS!
THE END

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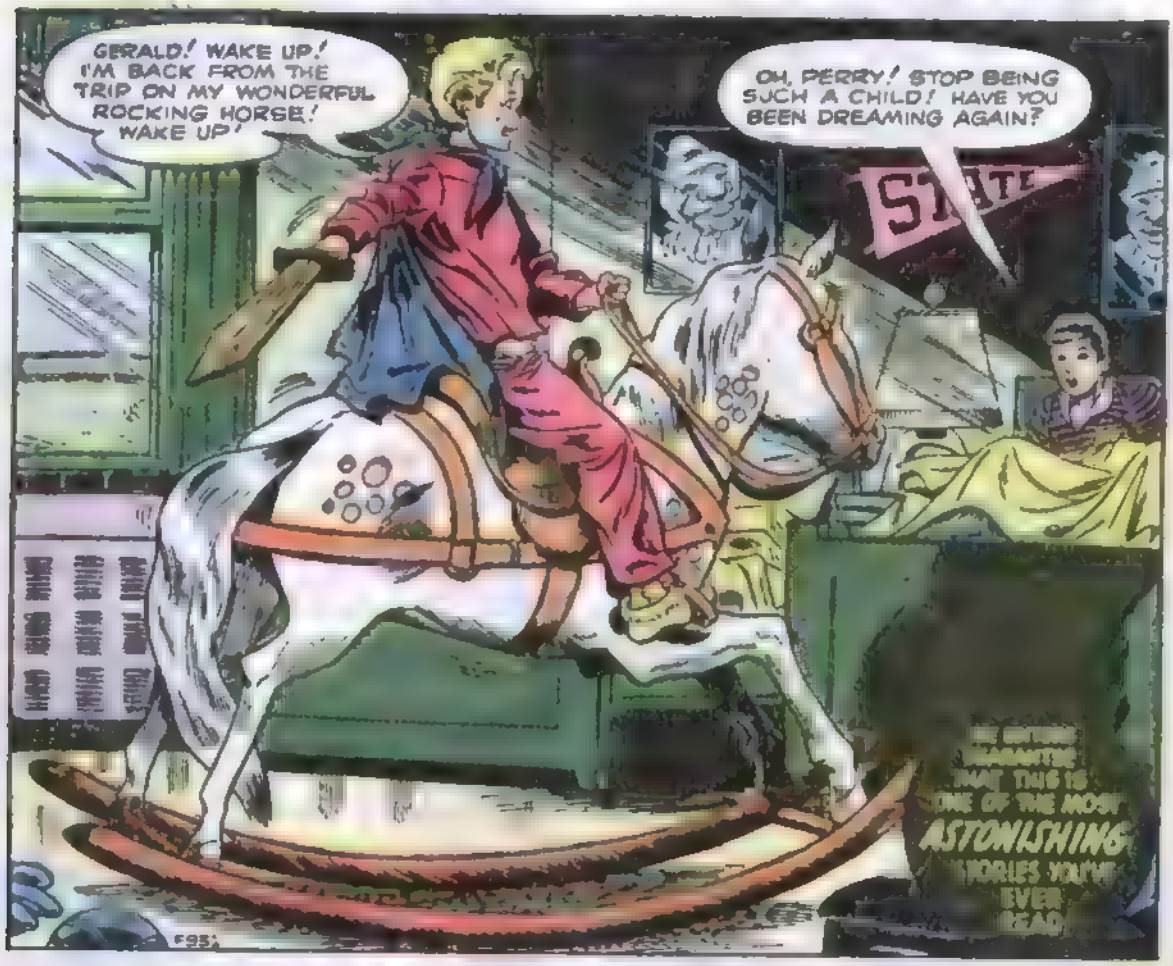
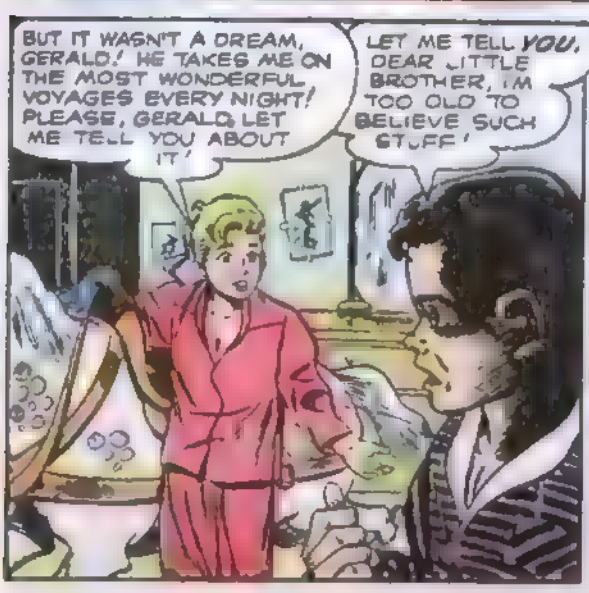
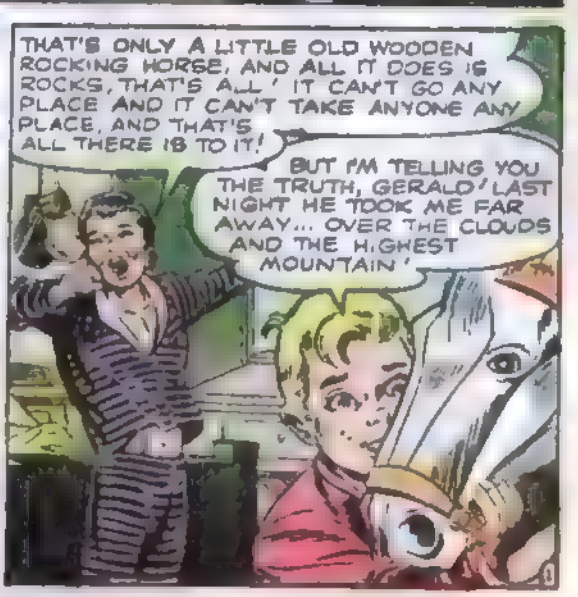

GERALD! WAKE UP! I'M BACK FROM THE TRIP ON MY WONDERFUL ROCKING HORSE! WAKE UP!
OH, PERRY! STOP BEING SUCH A CHILD! HAVE YOU BEEN DREAMING AGAIN?
ASTONISHING

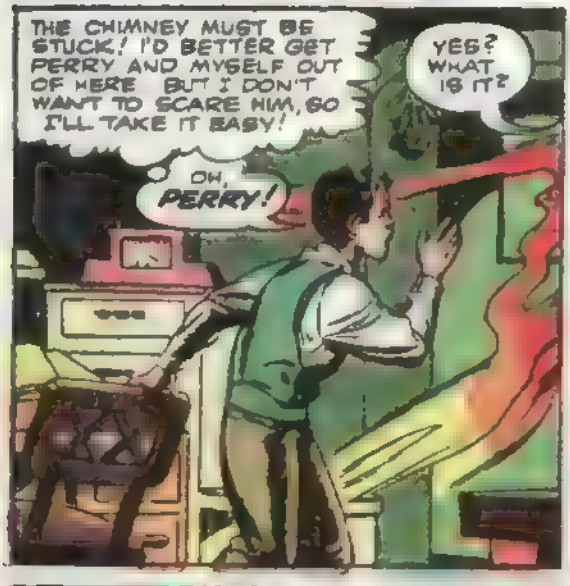

BUT IT WASN'T A DREAM, GERALD! HE TAKES ME ON THE MOST WONDERFUL VOYAGES EVERY NIGHT! PLEASE, GERALD, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT!
LET ME TELL YOU, DEAR LITTLE BROTHER, I'M TOO OLD TO BELIEVE SUCH STUFF!

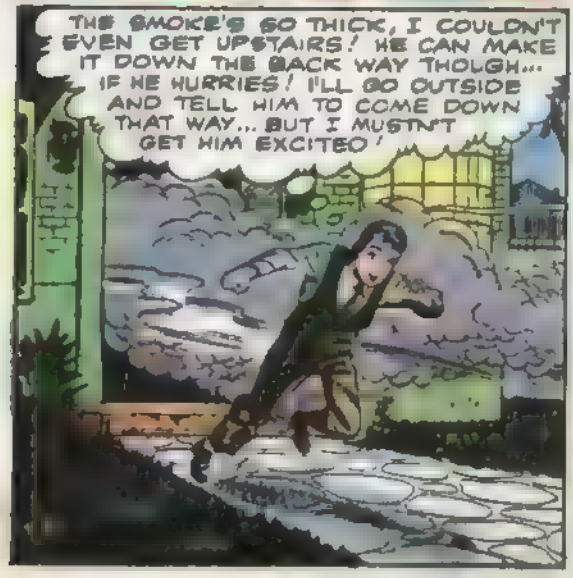

THAT'S ONLY A LITTLE OLD WOODEN ROCKING HORSE, AND ALL IT DOES IS ROCKS, THAT'S ALL! IT CAN'T GO ANY PLACE AND IT CAN'T TAKE ANYONE ANY PLACE, AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
BUT I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, GERALD! LAST NIGHT HE TOOK ME FAR AWAY... OVER THE CLOUDS AND THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN!

ALL I DID WAS CLIMB UP ONTO HIS BACK AND SAY, 'RIDE, WHITE BEAUTY!" AND OFF WE WENT... HIGHER AND HIGHER!
UH-HUH!
AND HE IS A WHITE BEAUTY, TOO! LOOK AT HIS MANE AND HIS TAIL!
OH SURE, SURE
YOU'RE A GOOD KID, PERRY, AND I LOVE YOU BUT LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT! DON'T EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOUR MIXED-UP DREAMS! I'M GROWN UP AND YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE KID YET, SEE? I STOPPED BELIEVING IN THAT STUFF YEARS AGO!
WELL, WHITE BEAUTY, I GUESS NOBODY BELIEVES THAT YOU CAN TAKE ME ANY PLACE I WANT TO GO! IT MUST BE TERRIBLE TO BE GROWN UP LIKE SOME PEOPLE I KNOW... AND NOT BELIEVE ANYTHING WONDERFUL ANY MORE!
WHAT A CHILD! LET'S GO TO SCHOOL!
I'LL BE OUT SHOPPING BY THE TIME YOU COME HOME FROM SCHOOL, BOYS, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES TILL I RETURN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, MOM! WE'LL BE OKAY! RACE YOU TO THE BUS STOP, GERALD!
THAT AFTERNOON, AFTER SCHOOL...
I'VE GOT HOMEWORK TO DO! HOW ABOUT YOU, PERRY?
I'M JUST A "CHILD", REMEMBER? I DON'T DO HOMEWORK YET!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING THEN?
UPSTAIRS TO COMB DOWN WHITE BEAUTY! I WANT HIM TO LOOK NICE ON THE NEXT TRIP WE TAKE!
OKAY, BUT NO TRICKS! REMEMBER WHAT MOM SAID!
WHITE BEAUTY WILL TAKE CARE OF ME! DON'T WORRY!

THE HOUSE WAS QUIET! FATHER WAS STILL AT WORK, AND MOTHER WAS SHOPPING! GERALD WAS ENGROSSED IN A MATH PROBLEM, AND PERRY WAS QUIETLY BUSY, CURRYING AND COMBING HIS FAVORITE TOY...THE ROCKING HORSE...

THEN AFTER A LONG WHILE, GERALD RAISED HIS HEAD AND SNIFFED THE AIR...


THE CHIMNEY MUST BE STUCK! I'D BETTER GET PERRY AND MYSELF OUT OF HERE BUT I DON'T WANT TO SCARE HIM, SO I'LL TAKE IT EASY!
OH, PERRY!
YES? WHAT IS IT?


THE SMOKE'S SO THICK, I COULDN'T EVEN GET UPSTAIRS! HE CAN MAKE IT DOWN THE BACK WAY THOUGH... IF HE HURRIES! I'LL GO OUTSIDE AND TELL HIM TO COME DOWN THAT WAY... BUT I MUSTN'T GET HIM EXCITED!

PERRY! IF YOU COME OUT, I'LL LET YOU PLAY WITH MY NEW FIELDER'S GLOVE! TAKE THE BACK STAIRS DOWN, HUH?
OH, BOY! OKAY, GERALD! I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!

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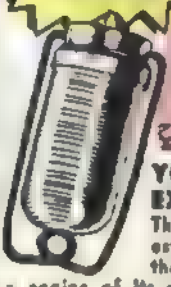

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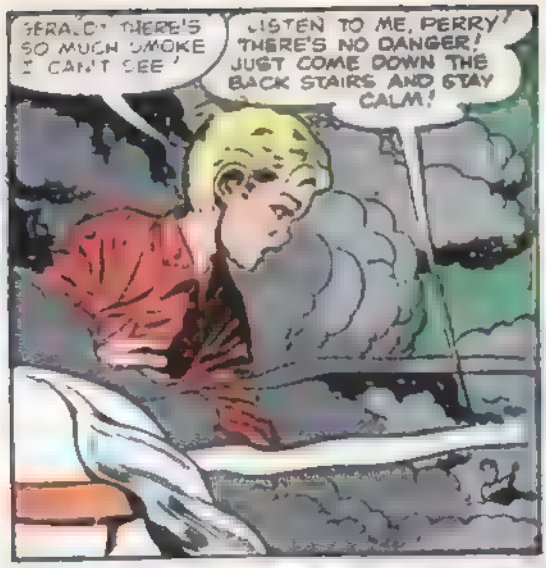
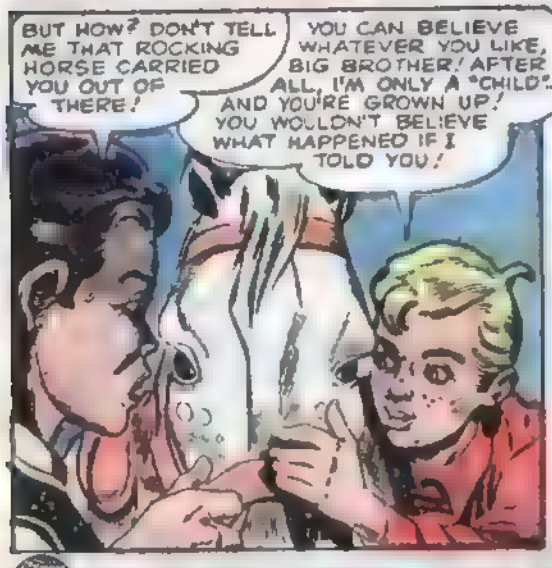
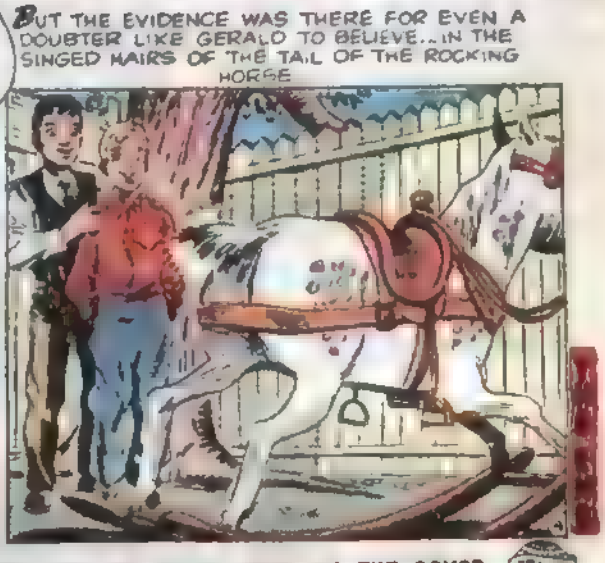


DON'T WORRY, GERALD! I'LL GET OUT ALRIGHT... WITHOUT USING THE BACK STAIRS!
PERRY! DO AS I SAY, DO YOU HEAR? OH, GOSH! I CAN'T SEE YOU ANY MORE, FOR THE SMOKE!


BUT HOW? DON'T TELL ME THAT ROCKING HORSE CARRIED YOU OUT OF THERE!
YOU CAN BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU LIKE, BIG BROTHER! AFTER ALL, I'M ONLY A "CHILD"... AND YOU'RE GROWN UP! YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED IF I TOLD YOU!



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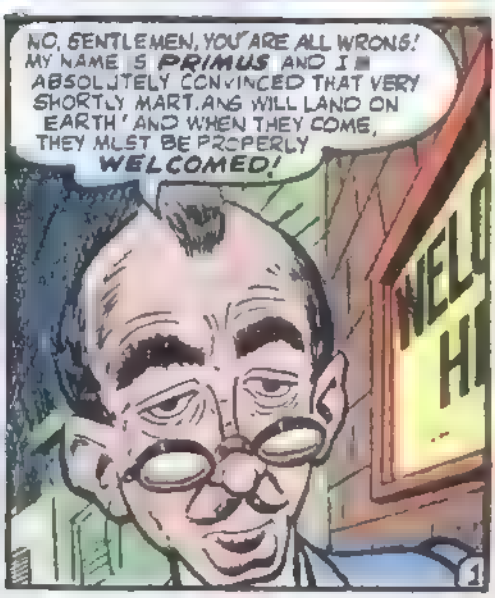
WELCOME, MARTIANS!

MARTIANS
ADQUARTERS
IS HE KIDDING?
WHAT KIND OF A CRAZY ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN IS THIS?
THE EDITORS GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST ASTONISHING STORIES YOU'VE EVER READ!
FZZT!

BEFORE THE BANNER INSTALLER CAN PUT AWAY HIS TOOLS, THE FASCINATED REPORTERS DESCEND ON HIM...

I'M FROM THE 'CHRONICLE'! WHAT'S THE GIMMICK? ARE YOU PROMOTING A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE?
I'LL BET IT'S FOR A NEW AND WILDLY IMAGINATIVE BOOK LIKE... MY MARTIAN COUSINS!
WELCOME


NO, GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE ALL WRONG! MY NAME IS PRIMUS AND I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT VERY SHORTLY MARTIANS WILL LAND ON EARTH! AND WHEN THEY COME, THEY MUST BE PROPERLY WELCOMED!
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AND YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS GOING TO ORGANIZE THEIR WELCOME?
THAT'S RIGHT! I WANT TO GET PLANETARY MINDED CITIZENS OF EARTH TO HELP ME WORK OUT A PROGRAM TO GREET THE FIRST MARTIANS, WHEN THEY TOUCH DOWN ON THIS WORLD!
THAT AFTERNOON, THE NEWSPAPERS PLAY UP THE FANTASTIC SIGN WITH TONGUE-IN-CHEEK HEADLINES...
CHRONICE
MARTIANS MUST HAVE A JIM DANDY WELCOME
STAR
HOAX
DAILY BLADE
A MARTIAN PUBLICITY GAG!
The GLOBE
FINAL
WELCOME MARTIANS ALL IS FORGIVEN
AND ANGRILY, MR. PRIMUS STORMS INTO THE NEAREST NEWSPAPER OFFICE
HOW DARE YOU CALL MY WELCOMING SCHEME A HOAX!
GOT ANY PROOF THAT WE'LL BE WELCOMING MARTIANS SOON?
STAR
A BRAND NEW RTIAN HOAX
WHAT DO YOU THINK ALL THE FLYING SAUCER STORIES MEAN? IT SIGNIFIES THAT MARTIANS ARE SCOUTING EARTH FOR FUTURE LANDINGS! HERE ARE PHOTOS I TOOK LAST NIGHT OF THEIR SHIPS!
WELL, MR. PRIMUS, TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY ISN'T MY FIELD!
CHECK THOSE PICTURES WITH ANY AUTHORITY! HE'LL TELL YOU THEY'RE AUTHENTIC! THE MARTIAN SHIPS ARE SCOUTING EARTH. THE MAIN PARTY WILL SOON LAND! THEY MUST BE PROPERLY WELCOMED!
OKAY! I'LL HAVE AN EXPERT GO OVER THESE WEIRD PHOTOS AND I'LL ABIDE BY HIS OPINION!
TWO HOURS LATER THE EXPERT RENDERS HIS VERDICT.
FAKES! I CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW HE DID THIS JOB. BUT I KNOW THEY'RE ALL PHONY SHOTS!
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IF YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN THEM AS FAKES, THEY MUST BE GENUINE!
OH, JUST BECAUSE YOU TRICKED ME, DOESN'T MEAN THEY RE REAL! IF I SPENT MORE TIME ON IT, I KNOW I'D FIND OUT HOW YOU PREPARED THE PHOTOS!
BY THE TIME YOU GET AROUND TO REALIZING THESE PICTURES ARE GENUINE, THE MARTIANS WILL HAVE LANDED! THEY MUST BE CORRECTLY WELCOMED! IF THE EXPERTS WON'T HELP, MAYBE ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL!
JORDAN, YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO FOLLOW THAT CHARACTER AND GET A FRONT PAGE STORY OUT OF HIM!
OKAY CHIEF!
THAT AFTERNOON, A DETERMINED MR. PRIMUS MOUNTS A PLATFORM...
FRIENDS, I AM ASKING YOU TO HELP ME RAISE FUNDS, SO WE CAN PREPARE A FITTING WELCOME FOR THE MARTIANS! THEY'LL BE THE FIRST PLANETARY PEOPLE TO REACH YOUR WORLD FROM OUTER SPACE! THEY MUST BE WELCOMED CEREMONIOUSLY: I'LL START BY PASSING THE HAT!
GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN! THE MONEY WE RAISE HERE WILL BE USED WISELY IN A WAY TO MAKE THE MARTIAN ARRIVAL A FITTING OCCASION!
DON'T BE FOOLS! THERE ARE NO MARTIANS! IT'S JUST A TRICK TO ROB YOU OF YOUR CHANGE AND LINE HIS POCKET!
THERE ARE MARTIANS, AND THE FUNDS WILL BE HANDLED HONESTLY!
DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU! IT'S A RACKET!
GET THAT SHARPIE!
TRY TO CHEAT ME, WILL YOU?

LISTEN, YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!
A BATTERED MR. PRIMUS FINALLY REACHES REFUGE...
THE CHIEF SAID TO MAKE IT A FRONT PAGE STORY! A RIOT ALWAYS RATES PAGE ONE!
WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME AND THE MARTIANS MUST BE WELCOMED! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE WON'T HELP ME ARRANGE THE WELCOMING!
MAYBE IF THEY UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU ARE SO EAGER TO GREET THOSE SUPPOSED MARTIAN ARRIVALS, THEY D HELP!
WELL, I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO TELL YOU WHY I'VE BEEN SO DETERMINED!
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME TO THE ROOF TO UNDERSTAND!
ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS WHY YOU ARE SO SET ON WELCOMING MARTIANS! I DIDN'T THINK THAT INVOLVED CLIMBING TO THE ROOF!
IT DOES! YOU SEE, THE REASON WHY I WANT TO WELCOME THE MARTIAN PARTY WHEN THEY ARRIVE IS BECAUSE I REMEMBER HOW LONELY I FELT...
...WHEN I LANDED MY MARTIAN SCOUTING SHIP AND NO ONE GREETED ME!
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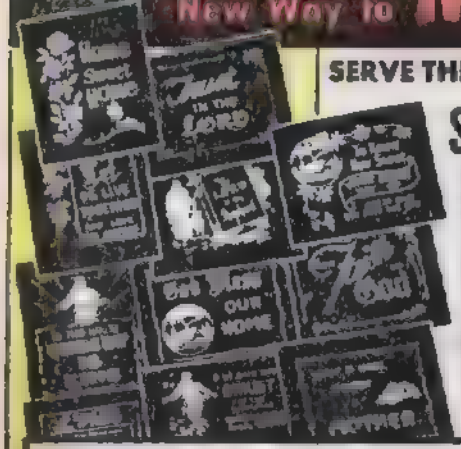

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there is more! Perplexed by the sudden disappearance of the character in the painting, I decided to question the shopkeeper from whom I had bought the picture.

It was a short ride to the Pont Neuf. When I emerged from the taxi and walked a few steps to the art shop, I was amazed to discover that the shop was shuttered, and a sign indicated that the owner had closed his business and retired to the country. I walked away from the shop, making my way slowly toward the Pont Neuf.

Suddenly, I came to an abrupt stop. Coming toward me was a figure vaguely familiar. As he came closer, I realized who it was. It was the man in the painting, the very same character who had disappeared four days after I bought the canvas! And not only was it the very same face . . . the man was wearing the *same* clothes of the nineteenth century as the stranger in the picture! A fantastic thought ran through my mind . . . had this man somehow stepped out of the painting, into our own time? Was he even now strolling through the streets of Paris, startled by the modern sights which met his eyes? Did he wonder what had happened to the sights and sounds, and people of Napoleon's time, the era from which *he* might have come? The stranger passed me by quickly, before I could stop him to ask the questions which were rolling through my mind.

As I watched him disappear down the boulevard, an old man approached me and tapped me on the shoulder. He had noticed my bewilderment at the sight of the strange man, and offered an explanation.

"He has become quite a character in Paris, monsieur! He always dresses like that, never in modern clothes. It is said he is a great admirer of Napoleon, and almost every day, one may find him either at Les Invalides, at the tomb of the emperor, or at the Pere-Lachaise, visiting the tombs of the great marshals of France who fought under Napoleon. Yes, he is indeed lost in our times . . . he should have lived in the days of the emperor. He admires that epoch so much!"

I walked away toward my hotel. No matter how much I thought about it, I could decide on no logical explanation of the strange circumstances surrounding the painting. Either the man in the picture had materialized in *our* times . . . or he was indeed living today, and had taken a brief visit back in time to welcome home Napoleon and his gallant officers, as they entered Paris, and that brief visit had somehow been transferred to the canvas depicting that very same scene.

All I can say again is, there are stranger things happening on this old earth of ours than one is aware of, things that defy explanation. I have told you exactly how it happened . . . And if you should ever want to see the painting itself, I would be glad to show it to you, any time.

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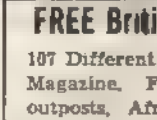

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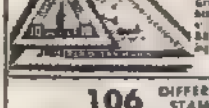

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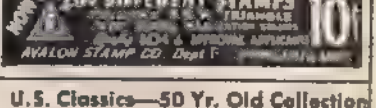

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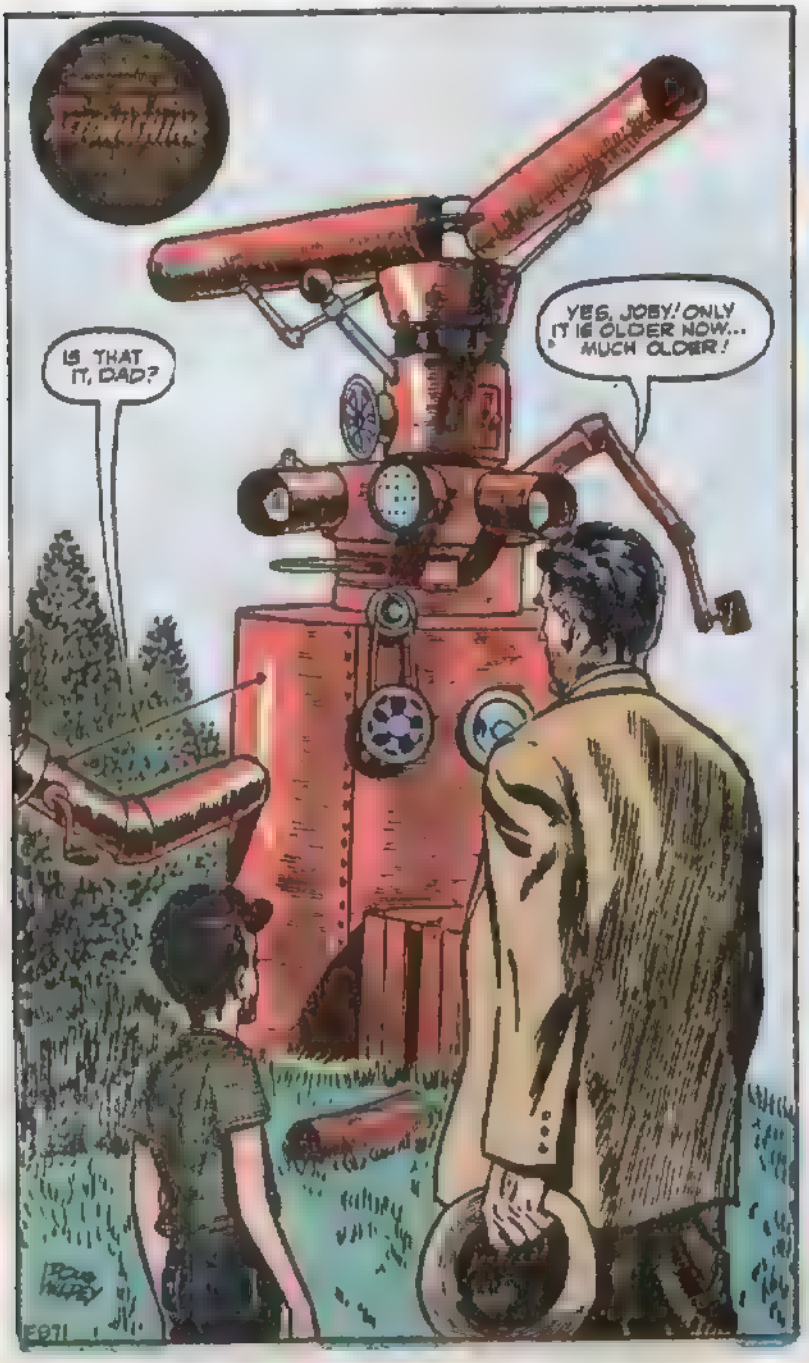
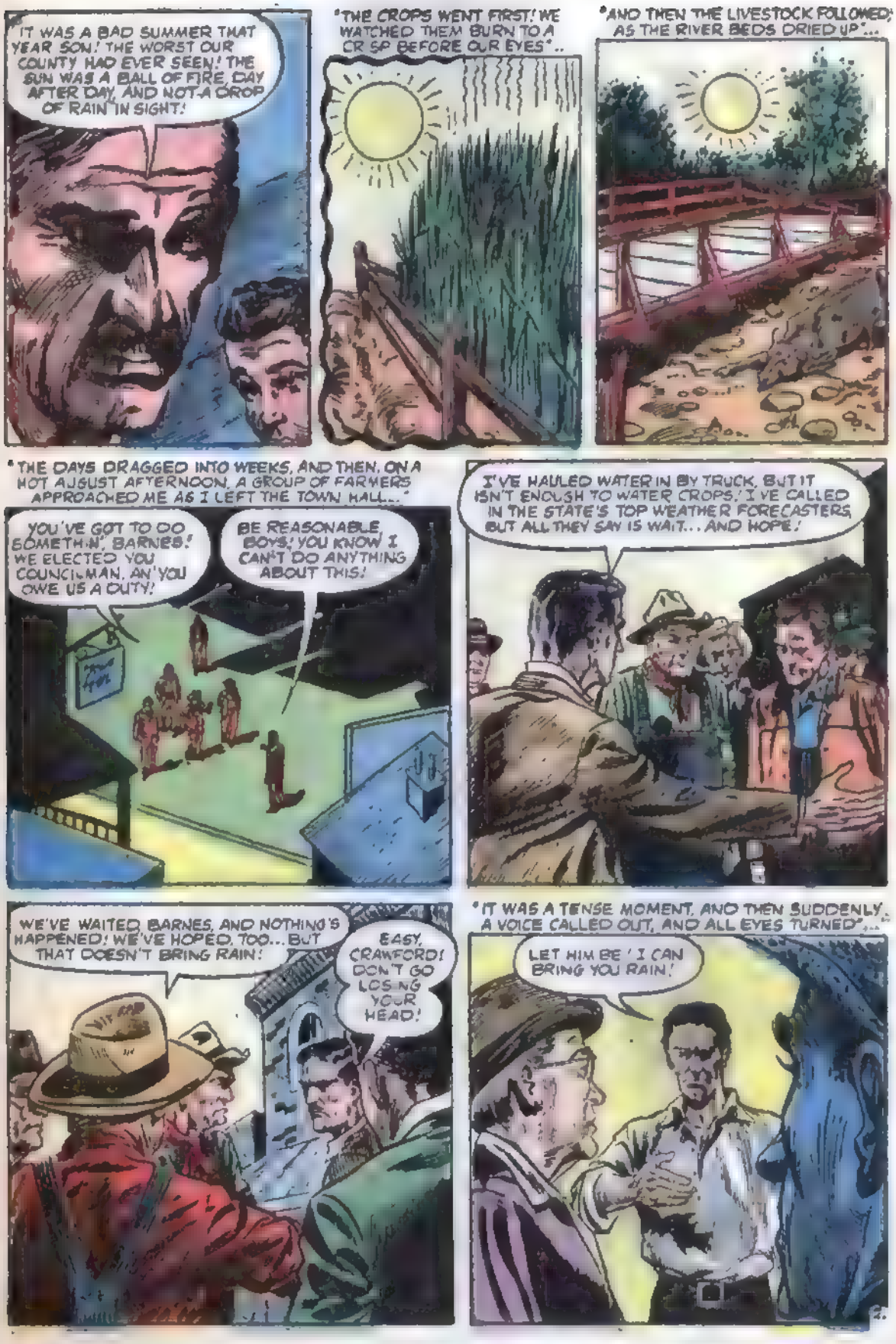



"IT WAS A BAD SUMMER THAT YEAR SON! THE WORST OUR COUNTY HAD EVER SEEN! THE SUN WAS A BALL OF FIRE, DAY AFTER DAY, AND NOT A DROP OF RAIN IN SIGHT!
"THE CROPS WENT FIRST! WE WATCHED THEM BURN TO A CRISP BEFORE OUR EYES"...
"AND THEN THE LIVESTOCK FOLLOWED, AS THE RIVER BEDS DRIED UP"...
"THE DAYS DRAGGED INTO WEEKS, AND THEN, ON A HOT AUGUST AFTERNOON, A GROUP OF FARMERS APPROACHED ME AS I LEFT THE TOWN HALL..."
YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHIN', BARNES! WE ELECTED YOU COUNCILMAN, AN' YOU OWE US A DUTY!
BE REASONABLE BOYS, YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
I'VE HAULED WATER IN BY TRUCK, BUT IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO WATER CROPS. I'VE CALLED IN THE STATE'S TOP WEATHER FORECASTERS, BUT ALL THEY SAY IS WAIT... AND HOPE!
WE'VE WAITED, BARNES, AND NOTHING'S HAPPENED! WE'VE HOPED, TOO... BUT THAT DOESN'T BRING RAIN!
EASY, CRAWFORD! DON'T GO LOSING YOUR HEAD!
"IT WAS A TENSE MOMENT, AND THEN SUDDENLY, A VOICE CALLED OUT, AND ALL EYES TURNED"...
LET HIM BE! I CAN BRING YOU RAIN!

"WE GATHERED AROUND HIM, SHOWERING HIM WITH QUESTIONS. THEN THE GAUNT STRANGER HELD UP HIS HAND FOR SILENCE"...

I AM NOT HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS BUT TO BRING YOU THE RAIN YOU NEED! I ASK FOR NO PAYMENT NOW... BUT ONLY IF I SUCCEED!

SOUNDS FAIR ENOUGH TO ME!

HE'S NOTHING BUT A FAKER, BUT HE CAN SERVE A PURPOSE. WE NEED *TIME* MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HE CAN BRING US!

"FOR TWO DAYS, HE POUNDED AWAY AT HIS STRANGE MACHINE, AND BY THE EVENING OF THE THIRD BEFORE THE SOLEMN GAZE OF THE ASSEMBLED FARMERS, IT NEARED COMPLETION"...

I THINK HE'S FINISHED!

IT'S A MIGHTY STRANGE CONTRAPTION!

"HE WAS FINISHED, AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AN EXCITED MURMUR RAN THROUGH THE CROWD! SLOWLY, ALL EYES WERE RAISED TOWARD THE SKY, AND THE MURMUR TURNED TO A SHOUT"...

LOOK!

IT'S LIGHTNING! AND THOSE ARE RAIN CLOUDS!

"A ROLL OF THUNDER RUMBLED OVERHEAD, AND THEN THE GENTLE RAIN FELL UPON US"...

IT'S RAIN MARTHA! HONEST TO GOODNESS RAIN!

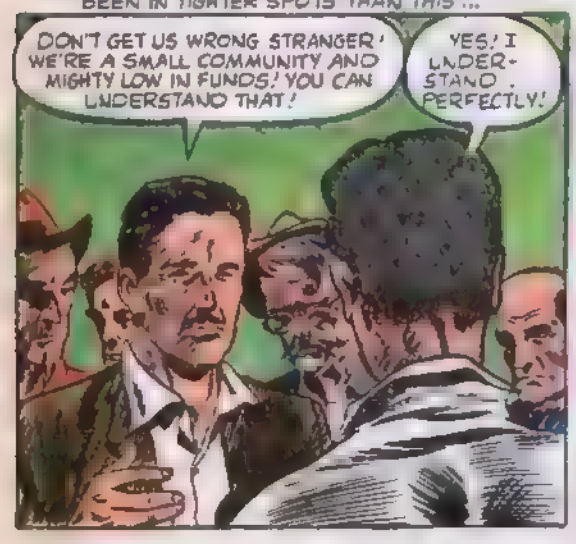
SO THIS BEN WE'RE SAVED!

IT'S A COINCIDENCE... THAT'S ALL IT COULD BE! NOW THAT FAKER WILL BE ASKING FOR MONEY! HE'LL PROBABLY WANT EVERY DIME WE HAVE IN THE TREASURY! I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

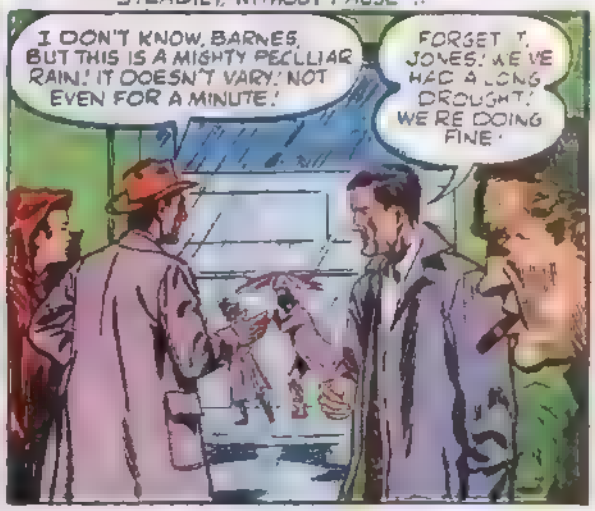
"I CALLED A MEETING THAT NIGHT, AND I POUNDED MY POINTS HOME! IT WASN'T DIFFICULT, AND WITH THE COMFORTABLE SOUND OF RAIN OUTSIDE, THEY FELT SECURE BEYOND THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT"...

"SUDDENLY, ALL EYES TURNED AND THEN CAME SILENCE, BROKEN ONLY BY THE SPLASHING OF THE RAIN AND THE MUFFLED ROAR OF DISTANT THUNDER"

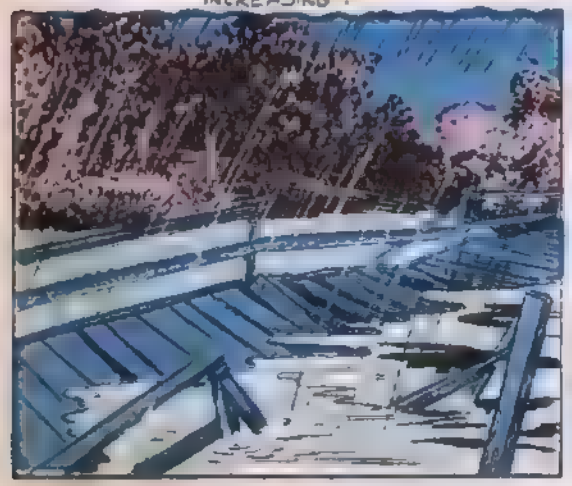
"I STEPPED FORWARD WITH MY BEST SMILE! I HAD BEEN IN TIGHTER SPOTS THAN THIS"...


DON'T GET US WRONG STRANGER! WE'RE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND MIGHTY LOW IN FUNDS! YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT!
YES! I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY!

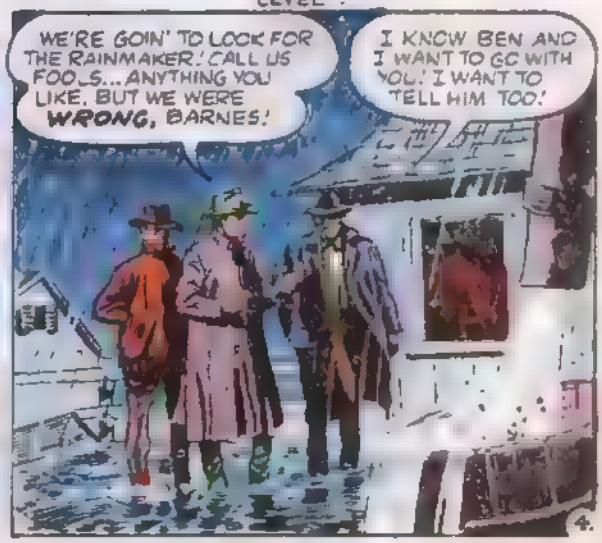
"HE TURNED AND LEFT, JUST AS SIMPLE AS THAT! TWO DAYS PASSED, AND THE RAIN CONTINUED TO FALL... STEADILY, WITHOUT PAUSE"..


I DON'T KNOW, BARNES, BUT THIS IS A MIGHTY PECULIAR RAIN! IT DOESN'T VARY! NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE!
FORGET IT, JONES! WE'VE HAD A LONG DROUGHT! WE'RE DOING FINE!

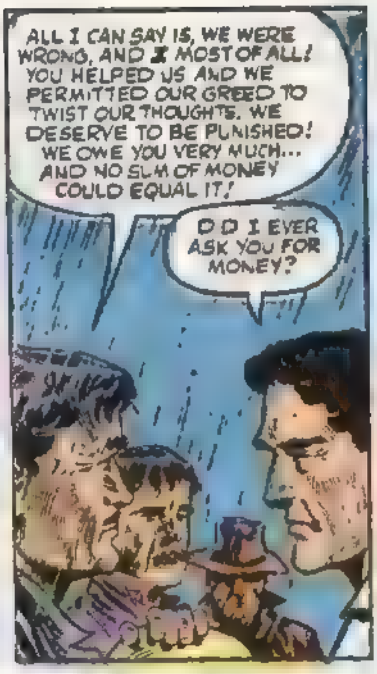
"A WEEK MORE PASSED! THE RIVER BEGAN TO RISE, AND THE FEW REMAINING CROPS BEGAN TO WASH AWAY! SLOWLY, A NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN THE RAINFALL TOOK PLACE! IT WAS STEADILY INCREASING".



"ANOTHER WEEK PASSED AND WE WERE AT FLOOD LEVEL".


WE'RE GOIN' TO LOOK FOR THE RAINMAKER! CALL US FOOLS... ANYTHING YOU LIKE, BUT WE WERE WRONG, BARNES!
I KNOW BEN AND I WANT TO GO WITH YOU! I WANT TO TELL HIM TOO!

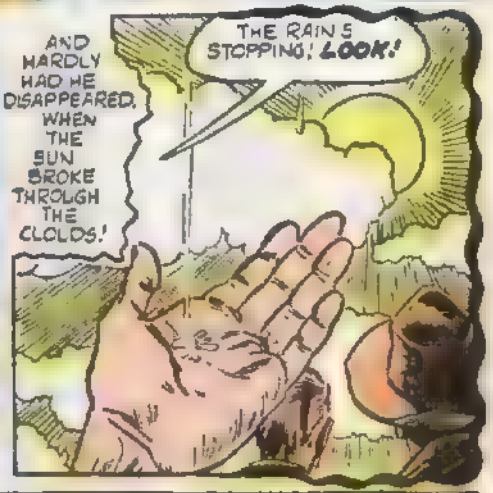
"WE FOUND HIM ATOP THE HILL, ALONGSIDE HIS STRANGE CONTRAPTION! HE STOOD THERE IN THE RAIN LIKE A MAN OF INFINITE WISDOM, AND IN HIS EYES WAS THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COMING"...

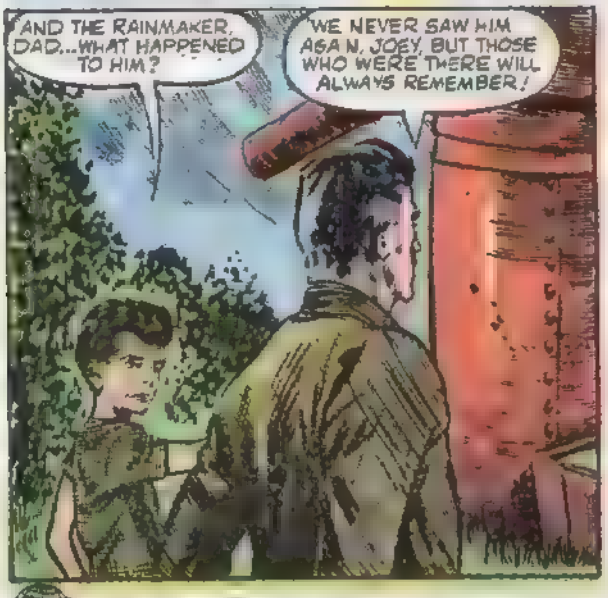

ALL I CAN SAY IS, WE WERE WRONG, AND I MOST OF ALL! YOU HELPED US AND WE PERMITTED OUR GREED TO TWIST OUR THOUGHTS. WE DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED! WE OWE YOU VERY MUCH... AND NO SUM OF MONEY COULD EQUAL IT!
DID I EVER ASK YOU FOR MONEY?

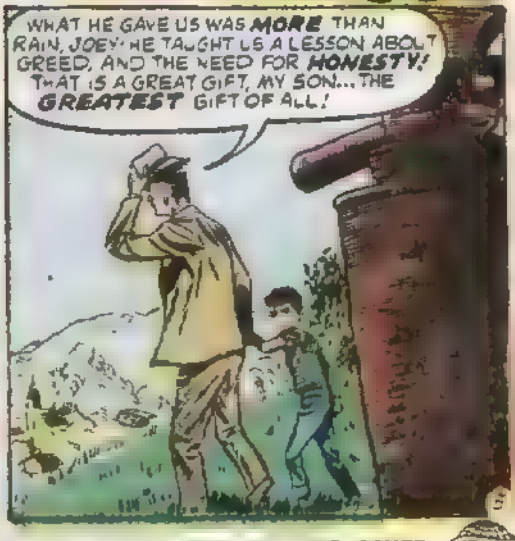
TO RECEIVE TRUE, SINCERE THANKS IS PAYMENT ENOUGH! YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT IN YOUR WORDS, AND I SEE IT IN YOUR EYES! THAT IS ENOUGH FOR ME!

"SLOWLY HE TURNED AND WALKED OFF"...

AND HARDLY HAD HE DISAPPEARED, WHEN THE SUN BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUDS!






WHAT HE GAVE US WAS MORE THAN RAIN, JOEY! HE TAUGHT US A LESSON ABOUT GREED, AND THE NEED FOR HONESTY! THAT IS A GREAT GIFT, MY SON... THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!

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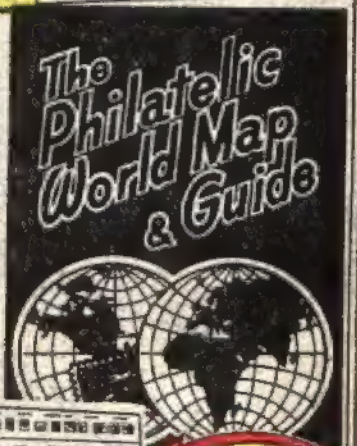

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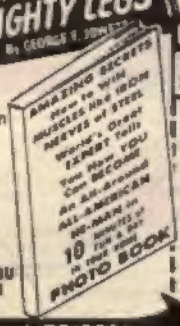

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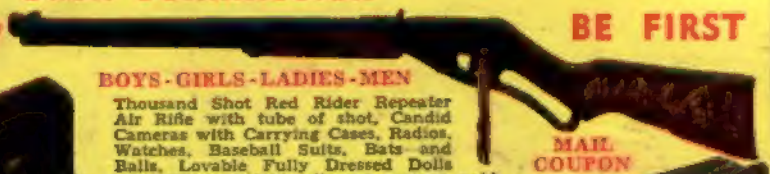

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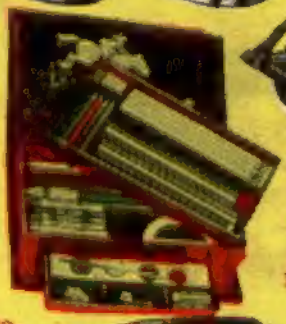

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